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ENTITIES, SUCH AS DISTRIBUTED SIGNALING GATEWAYS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 8, 2009. A response to the December 8, 2009 Final Office Action was due March 8, 2010. Applicants are concurrently filing herewith a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025